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Meetings this week:

Planning Board, Nov. 18, 7 p.m.

The Planning Board will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 18, at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

To view the agenda, click here.

School Board, Nov. 19, 7 p.m.

The School Board will hold a special session on

Friday, Nov. 14, 2014



Waterfront Committee offers project updates via email

The Cochecho Waterfront Development Advisory Committee has launched a newsletter which will provide updated information about Dover's waterfront development.

The newsletter, as well as additional information about the committee and project on the <u>City's website</u>, are part of the committee's efforts to establish an aggressive work plan to foster redevelopment of the City's waterfront property, adjacent to the Cocheco River.

During a recent public forum, residents requested more frequent updates from the committee during the waterfront planning and development process. Besides the committee's monthly meetings, the newsletter with waterfront updates is another way for the committee to provide the public with more frequent updates. In addition, the committee invites the public to offer comments or contact the committee via a new contact form on the waterfront development project page.

To sign up for the Waterfront Update newsletter, click here.

Wednesday, Nov. 19, at 7 p.m., in School Board Chambers at the McConnell Center.

To view the agenda, click <u>here</u>.

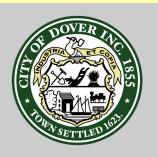
Zoning Board, Nov. 20, 7 p.m.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, Nov. 20, at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

To view the agenda, click here.

For a complete list of weekly meetings, visit www.dover.nh.gov.

To view televised meetings online, on demand, visit www.dover.nh.gov/dntv.



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Recycling Center hours: Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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The committee meets next on Monday, Nov. 17, 5:30 p.m., in Room 305 at the McConnell Center.



Downtown Pedestrian and Vehicular Access Study

Nov. 20 session seeks public input on downtown Dover traffic options

In 2013, the City retained the Cecil Group to review and evaluate ways to improve pedestrian and vehicular access in Dover's urban core. Over the past year several alternatives to traffic circulation and pedestrian and bicycle facilities for downtown have been reviewed. A major issue to be resolved is whether downtown's major streets - Chestnut Street, Main Street, Central Avenue, and Washington Street - should remain one-way or be changed to two-way traffic flow.

On Sept. 22, the City's Transportation Advisory Commission reviewed the preferred alternative, and scheduled a public hearing on that alternative. The hearing, scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 20, will provide an opportunity for the public to review and understand the circulation alternatives. The Nov. 20 hearing will be from 6 to 8 p.m. at the McConnell Center, Room 306, 61 Locust St., Dover, and will include a presentation of the proposed plan and plenty of opportunity for interaction with the public. The City is very interested in hearing from the public, and all are welcome to join.

"Throughout this whole process, we have urged the public to participate, and we have had good turnout for discussion about this complex plan," said Christopher Parker, AICP, Dover's Director of Planning and Community Development. "We are looking for feedback from residents, businesses owners and consumers of downtowns goods and services. We want to understand how changes may or may not impact the vibrancy of downtown."



The last time the public had an opportunity to weigh in was a May 15 workshop. Since that time, the consulting team developed a preferred alternative, including more detailed streetscape components such as trees, paving, and furniture; pedestrian amenities such as enhanced crosswalks and narrower crossing distances; and a refined traffic circulation plan. This preferred alternative includes specific solutions for particular intersections and for overall traffic flow.

Regarding traffic circulation, the plan proposed to create a plaza at the Upper Square, and two-way flow for traffic running through downtown. At the Lower Square, the proposal is to narrow up the edge of pavement, while redefining lanes to allow for more vehicular traffic to flow through and at the same time narrowing down the pedestrian crossings, to provide a safer connection between Henry Law Park and Central Avenue.

Chestnut Street is proposed to be narrowed and to add significant streetscape elements in an effort to improve pedestrian safety and encourage slower speeds by those in cars.

"One of the major intents of this project, was to calm traffic on Chestnut Street; to make it safer for those who cross it, and to convert it from a raceway into an urban road, similar to Central Avenue," Parker said.

Another component of the project is to develop streetscape standards for downtown, to help keep Dover's downtown vibrant, pedestrian-friendly, and inviting for commerce, recreation, and transportation. All roads within the Downtown have streetscape elements proposed for them, whether it be uniformed street trees, wayfinding signage, or improved sidewalks and street benches.

The project website, http://l.usa.gov/ZbwgnX, contains links to previous presentations made to the Transportation Advisory Commission as well as background information about the project. Newly added is a video produced by the City, in conjunction with the consultant. The video provides an overview of the project, and the proposed plan. In addition to streaming online, at

http://dovernh.pegcentral.com/, and on the project web site, the video will be added to the City's government access channel, DNTV Channel 22.

New Hampshire's Energy Future

Issues and Challenges Solutions & Strategies

Friday, November 21, 2014 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.



Cochecho Country Club • 145 Gulf Road, Dover, NH **Full Hot Breakfast Buffet** Members \$25 • Not-Yet-Members \$35

Come hear from a wide variety of voices involved in New Hampshire's energy debate that are all working toward the goal of reliable, renewable and affordable energy.

Seating is limited. Advance registration is required.



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Michael S. Giaimo Senior External Affairs Representative ISO New England Inc. (ISO)



MODERATOR

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Downtown Dover Scavenger Hunt continues this week

As part of the City of Dover's "Get To It! Your Life. Your Dover." Downtown Marketing Campaign; the City of Dover has launched a weekly Downtown Scavenger Hunt. Participants will have a chance to win a weekly \$25 Dover Dollar card and a chance to win \$500 Dover Dollars for the holiday season.



Every Thursday through Dec. 18 (excluding Thanksgiving), the City of Dover will release a clue that identifies the location of a Get To It! Scavenger Hunt entry point prior to noon that day. The clue will be released via social media on the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce's and the City of Dover's Facebook page, on Twitter @CityofDoverNH, via radio on the Bay 98.7 FM, The SHARK and Z107 FM and on the www.drivingdover.com website.

The clue will point all potential participants to one of the featured parking lots associated with the Get To It!

Downtown Marketing Campaign. Everyone who guesses the clue and arrives at the correct parking lot after noon on Thursday will receive further instruction on what to do next. Weekly winners will be drawn at 4:30 p.m. each Thursday until the Scavenger Hunt ends. The location of the Get to it! clue will change every week so entrants will have to tune in, follow on social media or visit the www.drivingdover.com website for the weekly clue.

All residents, visitors and downtown employees are eligible to participate in this weekly scavenger hunt. Entries are limited to one per person, per week. To enter to win the \$500 grand prize, participants have to go to the designated business for that week and fill out an entry form that can be placed into the grand prize drawing box. The winner of the \$500 Grand Prize will be announced on Monday, Dec. 22.

For more information on Get To It!, downtown parking options, or the Get to it! Scavenger Hunt and future promotions, please visit www.drivingdover.com.



The following events are recorded in "Notable Events in the History of Dover, New Hampshire: From the First Settlement in 1623 to 1865," by George Wadleigh, "Historic Rambles About Dover," by Robert A. Whitehouse, "Port of Dover: Two Centuries of Shipping on the Cochecho" by Robert A. Whitehouse and Cathleen C. Beaudoin, and several other historical sources.

For more on the history of Dover, settled in 1623 and the oldest permanent settlement in New Hampshire and seventh oldest in the country, visit the Dover Public Library, Locust Street; and the Woodman Institute Museum, Central Avenue. The Public Library also maintains an online collection of historical information, located at http://www.dover.lib.nh.us/DoverHistory/citvof.htm.



Nov. 14, 1656 - The people in arrears as to saw mill rents are ordered to settle up.



Nov. 16, 1825 - The Winnipesaukee Canal Co. held its first meeting for the choice of Directors in Dover, this day, when the following were chosen: Jeremiah Mason, Ichabod Bartlett, Timothy Upham, Daniel Brown, Joseph Smith, Andrew Peirce, John Williams, James Bartlett, J. B. H. Odione, D. M. Durell, Asa Freeman, David Barker, Jr., John B. Swasey, John Wingate, Jr., John Coe.



Nov. 20, 1832 - The bells of the town tolled and minute guns fired as a token of respect for the memory of Charles Carroll of Carrollton, the last signer of the Declaration of Independence, who died Nov. 15.



Nov. 20, 1841 - The town voted to distribute the Surplus Revenue, except that part which had been appropriated to the payment of poll taxes, in equal proportions among the legal voters of the town and the widows of citizens.



Nov. 15, 1864 - Great Union demonstration in honor of the re-election of President Lincoln, and the glorious and overwhelming victory of Law, Liberty and Union, over Secession, Disunion and Treason. The Union Citizens of Strafford County and vicinity, contemplated a grand Union mass meeting before election, but the severe storm prevented, and it was postponed to Tuesday the 15th when the recent glorious and overwhelming victory of Law, Liberty and Union over Secession, Disunion and Treason might be appropriately observed. The day opened finely and everything betokened a rousing demonstration. Early in the morning the streets of the city began to be thronged with people and delegations arrived by the morning trains from Alton, Farmington, Rochester, New Market, Madbury, Exeter, Concord, Portsmouth, Great Falls and other places. At 12 o'clock the procession moved through our principal

streets, escorted by the Strafford Guards, the whole under the direction of Hon. William F. Estes, Chief Marshal. A salute was fired at the starting of the procession; flags were displayed on the City Hall, Republican flag staff and Engine Houses. In the procession was Governor Gilmore and staff mounted and in full uniform; the 13th N. H. Band from the front; the Young Lincoln and the Young Washington Guards; a Cavalcade of 200 Horse, and Citizens of this and all the neighboring towns in carriages to the number of 500.

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Historic Dover city directories now available online

The Dover Public Library has initiated a preservation project to digitize Dover's historic City Directories and is pleased to announce that 12 19th-century directories, from the years 1865-1888, are now available for public searching online. Dover city directories, printed about every two years since 1830, contain valuable information about residents, street locations, occupations, and businesses existing in a certain time period. Directories are often used by researchers, historians, and genealogists, and by those seeking to determine the age of a house and its occupants over time. Directories can also help trace the history of local commercial establishments and retailers.

"Dover City Directories Online" is available through the Dover Public Library's website: http://library.dover.nh.gov. Just click on the link about midway down the list. There is no login or password required and the site is open to everyone to search. The database is searchable by year or keyword (such as name, street address, or occupation) and is very easy to use. Several of the directories also contain information about Somersworth, Great Falls (Rollinsford), and Rochester so those in neighboring communities may find this database helpful as well.

The Dover Public Library plans to add about a dozen new

directories to this database every year, seeking to save this most valuable information in an easily accessible digital format while preserving the fragile print originals from further deterioration.

For more information or additional instructions, please call the Dover Public Library's Reference Desk at 603-516-6082.

Dover Arts Commission to host inaugural Arts Mixer Nov. 20

'Arts @ the Center of It All' will spotlight and celebrate Dover's creative economy

From theatre to music, from painting to poetry, from performance art to filmmaking, and so much more, arts and culture are alive in Dover. To spotlight and celebrate the creative talent in the Garrison City, the Dover Arts Commission will host "Arts @ the Center of It All," an inaugural arts mixer, on Thursday, Nov. 20, at 7 p.m. in the Dover City Hall Auditorium, 288 Central Ave.



"Arts @ the Center of It All" is an evening for artists, arts organizations, and arts enthusiasts to mix, mingle, and find new ways to advance and enhance Dover's creative economy. Refreshments will be available and an arts showcase will feature exhibits, demonstrations, and performances by local artists.

"The idea for 'Arts @ the Center of It All' grew out of a desire to bring likeminded people together to celebrate Dover as a center for arts and culture in the Granite State," said Jane Hamor, co-chair of the Dover Arts Commission. "Additionally, we hope the event will be a catalyst to spark conversations and set the stage for future collaborations among artists, arts organizations, and arts-minded businesses in the city," Hamor said.

Dover artists and arts organizations interested in exhibiting or performing in the arts showcase may email j.clavet@dover.nh.gov to get involved. Don't miss this unique opportunity to meet and network with other members of the Dover community who share a passion for the arts.

The Dover Arts Commission is an advisory board to the

Dover City Council tasked with developing and promoting programs, forums, and exhibits that highlight the artistic talent within the city. The Arts Commission works to enhance awareness of and appreciation for the arts through increased dialogue and citizen participation. To learn more, visit www.dover.nh.gov/government/boards-and-commissions/arts-commission or follow the Dover Arts Commission on Facebook (www.facebook.com/DoverNHArtsCommission).

Festival of Trees is Dec. 5

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce and its City Lights Committee are proud to present the fifth annual Festival of Trees on Friday, Dec. 5, from 4:30 to 9:30 p.m. at City Hall.



At this popular annual event, 30 trees decorated by local businesses and organizations will be on display and available to be taken home by the public through raffles and silent auctions.

To register a tree, or for more information, click here.

Dover Public Library presents "Nutcracker" Highlights Nov. 18

On Tuesday, Nov. 18 at 4 p.m., Edra Toth, Artistic Director and Founder of Northeastern Ballet Theatre, and several of her dancers, will entertain children and adults in the Dover Public Library's Lecture Hall, presenting dance highlights from the Theatre's upcoming annual production of "The Nutcracker".



Edra Toth was born in Budapest, but relocated to Boston as a small child. She made her debut with the Boston Ballet at age 13, and was the leading star for the Boston Ballet for over ten years. Edra cherishes the opportunity to offer children the same chance that was given to her. By instructing children in dance, she teaches the rewards of training, hard work, and discipline.

After the dancers' performances, Edra will conduct a miniclass, teaching audience members to perform the Russian dance. Northeastern Ballet's studio is located in Suite 239 at the McConnell Center in Dover. Please join us at the library for this special ballet preview. This program is free and all ages are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, call the Children's Room at the Dover Public Library 603-516-6052.

Fall leaf collection schedule

The City of Dover 2014 fall leaf collection will take place on the following weeks:

- Nov. 17-21
- Nov. 24-28

Bagged leaves will be picked up on the same day as trash and recycling.

Leaves must be placed curbside in biodegradable paper leaf bags. No brush will be accepted. Paper bags can be purchased at your local hardware or home improvement store.

Grass clippings, leaves, brush and yard waste is accepted at the Recycling Center during regular operating hours.

For more information, contact the Community Services Department at 516-6450.

Dover Chamber seeking nominations for annual awards

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce is now accepting nominations for their Business of the Year, Citizen of the Year, Non-Profit of the Year and Volunteer of the Year awards. Winners will be announced at the Annual Awards Dinner in late January.

The deadline for nominations is Friday, Dec. 12.

For more information, or to nominate a business, organization or person, visit the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce website or call 603-742-2218 for more information.



Stay informed with City of Dover special announcements

Want up-to-date information about road work, emergencies, special projects, and other important information? Sign up now to receive special announcements via email.

In addition to Dover Download, the City of Dover offers a variety of e-mail updates, including emergency and road closure information, Police Facility and Parking Garage updates, Silver Street reconstruction news, news from the Public Library, and more.

To sign up for one or all of the City's updates, <u>click here</u>. An e-mail address is required to access the special announcement mailing lists.

Plans under way for annual Holiday Parade; volunteers needed

Dover Children's Center will produce the 2014 Holiday Parade "Christmas Around the World."

The parade, underwritten by Liberty Mutual, will begin at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 30. The parade will fill downtown Dover with holiday themed floats and music.

The parade this year will include floats, bands, color guard, the Dover Mounted Patrol, hot rods and Santa Claus.

Precious Parties by Kayla will be joining the parade this year. Kayla and her amazing princess team will be arriving parade day. Please keep an eye out for "Elsa" and "Tinkerbell."

Erik Roy and a representative from Amy's Treat will serve as grand marshals for the parade this year as marchers and floats make their way down Central Avenue.

Amy's Treat was created in 2007 as a legacy foundation in honor of Amy Maliszewski to benefit the patients of the Seacoast Cancer Center. They are dedicated to providing solutions to the day-to-day difficulties of living with cancer and offer unexpected "treats" to renew the spirit.

Roy was named the Volunteer of the Year by the City of Dover. His commitment and dedication to the city in making the Dover Road Race Series a reality and helping to ensure the continued success of Apple Harvest Day make him a valued asset.

William E. Boc, who was named by fellow residents as the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce's Citizen of the Year, will also be at the forefront of the parade.

City officials have been invited to march in the parade, including members of the City Council.

If you or your organization would like to participate, or to volunteer, please contact Christina Marchese or Melissa Fischetto at doverholidayparade@gmail.com or at 742-3332.

As the parade makes its way through the city, the following streets will close to through traffic between noon and 4 p.m.: Sixth Street (Between Central Avenue and Horne Street), Maple Street (between Sixth and Hough streets), Mount Vernon Street (between Sixth and Hough), and Grove Street (between Sixth and Hough as well as between Sixth and Lincoln streets).

Only residents and parade participants are allowed from the Hough Street entrance to their respective streets. Participants should make arrangements to drop off pedestrians outside of the aforementioned restricted areas.

There is no rain date for the parade.

Time to register your vehicle? Save time, register online

Did you know you can save yourself time and a trip to City Hall by registering your vehicle online?

Online vehicle registration renewal is easy, safe and secure. You can register online by providing a PIN number or your license plate number. Your PIN number is provided by the City of Dover and can be found on your renewal notice.

For your convenience, you can now pay for motor vehicle registration by credit card.

For more information on the E-registration process, <u>click</u> <u>here</u>.

City's boards and commissions keep our community vibrant

The City of Dover is a vibrant community due in large part to the energy and talent of citizen participation on boards and commissions.

The City's boards and commissions encourage public participation, including new members to fill vacant positions.

For a complete list of the City's boards and commissions, as well as more information about how to apply for boards and commissions, click **here**.

To download an application for board and commissions, click **here**. Completed forms should be returned to the City Clerk's Office. Committee application forms are kept on file for one year from date of submission.

For more information, contact the City Clerk's office at 516-6018.

Stay social with your City





Want the latest announcements and important information about your city? Check out the City of Dover's official **Facebook page** and **twitter feed** for the latest updates.



Want to stay up to speed on exciting events and activities in Dover? Sign up for the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce's weekly newsletter, Peek at the Week, for up-to-date information on what's happening in Dover.

Whether it's the schedule for the Cochecho Arts Festival, art exhibits or where to shop for local products, sign up for Peek at the Week, and you'll be ready for the week ahead.

You can sign up to receive the Chamber's Peek at the Week by e-mail <u>here</u>.

Missed the meeting? Catch it again online

Don't forget: If you missed the live City Council, School Board or Planning Board on Channels 22 and 95, you can catch it again, online and on demand.

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